

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to more clearly define the invention as disclosed in the written description. In particular, claim 2 has been cancelled, while claims 1, 7 and 12 have been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claim 2. In addition, the claims have been amended for clarity.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3, 6-10 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,703,655 to Corey et al. in view of U.S. Patent 7, 046,914 to Jasinschi et al., and further in view of U.S. Patent 7,339,992 to Chang et al. The Examiner has further rejected claims 4-5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Corey et al. in view of Jasinschi et al. and Chang et al., and further in view of U.S. Patent 7,360,234 to Robson et al. Finally, the Examiner has rejected claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Corey et al. in view of Jasinschi et al. and Chang et al., and further in view of Official Notice. Applicants acknowledge that the Examiner has found claim 2 allowable over the prior art of record.

In view of the above changes to the claims, Applicant believes that the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejections have been overcome.

Applicant believes that this application, containing claims 1 and 3-12, is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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